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1. This communication is responsive to <u>05 August 2004</u> .			
2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are 16,17,21-25 and 27-30.			
3. $igotimes$ The drawings filed on <u>15 January 2002</u> are accepted by the	e Examiner.		
<ul> <li>4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una) All b) Some* c) None of the:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* Certified copies not received:</li> </ul>	been received. been received in Applicatio	n No	on from the
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 16-17, 21-25 and 27-30 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The relevant prior art does not disclose a one-piece introducer having a tube, finger tab portion and valve, wherein at least the valve is formed as a single integral piece with the tube.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amanda R. Flynn whose telephone number is 703-306-4056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:30 - 6:00 and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry A. Bennett can be reached on 703-308-0101. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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